

INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

JANUARY 28, 1916.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STEPHENS of Texas, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10385.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs presents the accompanying bill (H. R. 10385) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and submits in explanation thereof the following:

The items adopted in this bill are estimated for in the Book of Estimates for the year ending June 30, 1917, and are found on pages 437 to 511, inclusive, and aggregate the sum of \$10,175,036.66, exclusive of trust funds.

The amount appropriated for the year ending June 30, 1916, or as carried in the joint resolution passed extending the previous law, was \$8,925,455.

The estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, exceed the current law \$1,249,581.66.

Your committee have recommended in the accompanying bill the appropriation of sums amounting to \$9,357,146.66, thus reducing the department estimates \$817,890, exclusive of trust funds.

The bill recommends gratuity appropriations payable from the Federal Treasury amounting to \$6,993,266.66; reimbursable from Indian funds, \$1,518,520; treaty items, \$845,360, exclusive of Indian trust funds in the Treasury to the credit of Indians, \$1,206,650.

The department's estimates submitted to us contained several claims which it recommended for payment. The committee refused their payment, except one, which was for less than \$100.

All items of legislation found in the estimates have been stricken out of the bill by us, except where such items were emergency legislation and where it was clearly apparent that such legislation was just. The committee hopes at a later day to present an omnibus

Indian bill to the House for its consideration. Said bill will include many items stricken out of this bill, together with such others as it may recommend for passage. The committee has endeavored to give sufficient funds to the reservation and nonreservation schools to keep the school buildings and appurtenances in good repair, having in mind the health and comfort of the students.

Your committee, by a subcommittee thereof, held extensive hearings and gave each item in this bill the closest scrutiny. We had before us the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs; also Mr. Reed, the chief engineer of the Irrigation Service; also Mr. Davis, the supervising farmer of the Indian Service. These gentlemen gave us much valuable information, all of which may be found in the printed hearings, containing 420 pages. Your committee found in some instances unexpended balances from last year's appropriations, and in such instances we felt justified in reducing the estimates in this bill correspondingly, having, however, due regard for the welfare of the Indians and their advancement toward the white man's standard. Your committee finds that the condition of the Indians has vastly improved in many respects since Congress and the Indian Bureau have adopted the policy of allotting the tribal lands among individual Indians and of encouraging and aiding them to become self-supporting citizens of the States where they reside. The education and health of our Indian wards have also been greatly improved in recent years. The many new schools for the children and hospitals for the sick have greatly benefited the Indians as a whole. The active and wholesome policy of the present commissioner in preventing the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Indians and in using their surplus or tribal funds in the purchasing of live stock to put on their reservations has been a very long step in the right direction.

PER CAPITA PAYMENT, CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW INDIANS, OKLAHOMA.

Hearings, page 336:

The Atoka agreement, negotiated by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians on April 23, 1897, and approved by Congress on June 28, 1898, contained the following provision:

It is further agreed that all of the funds invested, in lieu of investment, treaty funds, or otherwise, now held by the United States in trust for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes, shall be capitalized within one year after the tribal government shall cease, so far as the same may legally be done, and be appropriated and paid, by some officer of the United States appointed for the purpose, to the Choctaws and Chickasaws (freedmen excepted) per capita, to aid and assist them in improving their homes and land.

A former paragraph in this agreement had stipulated that the tribal government should "continue for a period of eight years from the 4th day of March, 1898."

The supplemental agreement, negotiated by the same authorities on March 21, 1902, and approved by Congress on July 1, 1902, contained the following stipulation:

14. When allotments as herein provided have been made to all citizens and freedmen, the residue of lands not herein reserved or otherwise disposed of, if any there be, shall be sold at public auction under rules and regulations and on terms to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and so much of the proceeds as may be neces-

sary for equalizing allotments shall be used for that purpose, and the balance shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Choctaws and Chickasaws and distributed per capita as other funds of the tribes.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the Choctaws and Chickasaws were pledged that these payments should begin not later than March 4, 1907, and the provisions of this bill are in conformity therewith.

The following statement shows the separate amounts carried in the bill, whether gratuity, reimbursable, trust funds, or treaty items, and the purposes for which they are respectively appropriated:

	Current law.	Estimates.	Committee allowed.	Hearings (page).
Surveying and allotting Indian reservations (reimbursable).....	\$150,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$100,000.00	3
Irrigation, Indian reservations (reimbursable).....	345,700.00	259,700.00	244,700.00	14
Suppressing liquor traffic among Indians (gratuity).....	100,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	27
Relieving distress and prevention of disease (gratuity).....	300,000.00	400,000.00	350,000.00	41
Indian day and industrial schools, support (gratuity).....	1,500,000.00	1,550,000.00	1,550,000.00	46
Indian school and agency buildings (gratuity).....	430,000.00	450,000.00	400,000.00	49
Indian school transportation (gratuity).....	72,000.00	75,000.00	72,000.00	53
Per capita expenditure.....				58
Industrial work and care of timber (gratuity).....	450,000.00	500,000.00	425,000.00	60
Purchase and transportation of Indian supplies (gratuity).....	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	71
Telegraph and telephone, Indian Service (gratuity).....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	81
Court costs, etc. (gratuity).....	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	83
Expenses, board of Indian commissioners (gratuity).....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	84
Pay of Indian police (gratuity).....	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	94
Pay of judges in Indian courts (gratuity).....	8,000.00	10,000.00	8,000.00	95
General expenses in Indian Service, pay of special agents, etc. (gratuity).....	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	96
Inspectors, Indian Service (gratuity).....	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	101
Determining heirs of deceased Indians (reimbursable).....	100,000.00	100,000.00	90,000.00	103
To encourage industry among Indians (reimbursable).....	600,000.00	500,000.00	300,000.00	107
Vehicles, Indian Service.....				127
Payment, heirs of Farmer John (gratuity).....		20.00	20.00	137
ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.				
Support of Indians in Arizona and New Mexico (gratuity).....	330,000.00	330,000.00	330,000.00	145
Indian school, Fort Mohave (gratuity).....	38,900.00	42,900.00	42,900.00	147
Indian school, Phoenix, Ariz. (gratuity).....	126,900.00	131,900.00	131,900.00	149
Continuing construction irrigation system, Pima Indians (reimbursable).....	10,000.00	30,000.00	20,000.00	154
Indian school, Truxton Canyon, Ariz. (gratuity)...	21,200.00	21,200.00	21,200.00	152
Irrigation, Gila River Reservation, Ariz., for Pima Indians (reimbursable).....	10,000.00	30,000.00	20,000.00	154
Irrigation, Colorado River Reservation, Ariz. (reimbursable).....	15,000.00	25,000.00	15,000.00	159
Preparing plans and specifications as to cost of construction of irrigating lands, Colorado Indian Reservation, Ariz. and Colo. (gratuity).....			5,000.00	
Water for domestic and irrigation purposes, Papago Indians, villages, Arizona (gratuity).....	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	165
Fulfilling treaties with Navajoes, schools (treaty)...	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	167
Water supply for Navajo Indians (reimbursable)...	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	169
Construction of dam and bridge and diverting water for irrigation purposes, Gila River Reservation (reimbursable).....	200,000.00	200,000.00	75,000.00	175
Do.....			75,000.00	
Payment for water, Salt River allottees (reimbursable).....		20,000.00	20,000.00	180
Ganado irrigation project, Ariz. (reimbursable).....		23,000.00	3,000.00	181
Bridge across Little Colorado River, Ariz. (gratuity).....		15,000.00	15,000.00	183
CALIFORNIA.				
Support of Indians in California (gratuity).....	42,000.00	50,000.00	42,000.00	185
Purchase of lands for homeless Indians (gratuity)...	10,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00	191
Indian school, Riverside, Cal. (gratuity).....	118,125.00	132,000.00	129,500.00	191
Irrigating allotments, Yuma Reservation (reimbursable).....	40,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	194
Indian school, Fort Bidwell, Cal. (gratuity).....	24,100.00	33,500.00	21,800.00	195
Indian school, Greenville, Cal. (gratuity).....	25,000.00	34,400.00	21,630.00	197
Amending act June 17, 1892.....				200

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FLORIDA.				
Support of Seminole Indians in Florida.....		\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	202
IDAHO.				
Support of Indians, Fort Hall Reservation (gratuity)	\$30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	208
Maintenance, Fort Hall irrigation system (reimbursable).....	25,000.00	35,000.00	25,000.00	209
Fulfilling treaties with Bannocks, Idaho (treaty)....	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	210
Fulfilling treaties with Coeur d'Alenes, Idaho (treaty).....	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	211
KANSAS.				
Indian school, Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kans. (gratuity).....	138,750.00	140,250.00	140,250.00	215
Indian school, Kickapoo Reservation (gratuity)....	17,360.00	16,860.00	16,860.00	217
LOUISIANA.				
Clearing title to land of the Chettimanchi Indians (gratuity).....		1,500.00	1,500.00	219
MICHIGAN.				
Indian school, Mount Pleasant (gratuity).....	65,450.00	74,450.00	73,450.00	221
MINNESOTA.				
Indian school, Pipestone, Minn. (gratuity).....	45,175.00	51,725.00	61,675.00	224
Support schools, Chippewa Indians (treaty).....	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	227
Tribal funds, Chippewa Indians, civilization and support (trust funds).....	160,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	229
Tribal funds, Chippewa Indians, White Earth celebration (trust funds).....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	230
Advancement to individual Chippewa Indians (trust funds).....				230
Mineral rights, Chippewa Indians (trust funds).....			10,000.00	233
Tribal funds, Chippewa Indians, purchase of land for burial purposes, Fond du Lac (trust funds)....		500.00	500.00	233
Patent to Northern Minnesota Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	234
MONTANA.				
Support of Indians, Fort Belknap Agency (gratuity)	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	237
Support of Indians, Flathead Agency (gratuity)...	12,000.00	20,000.00	14,000.00	237
Support of Indians, Fort Peck Agency (gratuity)....	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	238
Support of Indians, Blackfeet Agency (gratuity)....	15,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	239
Irrigation system, Fort Belknap Reservation (reimbursable).....	20,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	240
Fulfilling treaties, Crow Indians (treaty item).....	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	242
Support of Northern Cheyennes and Arapahoes (treaty item).....	85,000.00	85,000.00	80,000.00	243
Mine riders, Northern Cheyenne Reservation (gratuity).....	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	244
Support of Rocky Boy's Band (gratuity).....	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	245
Withdrawal for stock cattle, Blackfeet Reservation (trust funds).....		100,000.00	100,000.00	246
Purchase of lands, Flathead Reservation (reimbursable).....		320.00	320.00	247
Appraisal and sale of lands, Flathead Reservation.	(1)	(1)	(1)	249
NEBRASKA.				
Indian school, Genoa, Nebr. (gratuity).....	64,500.00	89,600.00	81,975.00	249
NEVADA.				
Support of Indians in Nevada (gratuity).....	18,500.00	18,500.00	18,500.00	253
Indian school, Carson City (gratuity).....	49,700.00	89,100.00	60,760.00	253
Irrigation, Pyramid Lake Reservation (reimbursable).....		30,000.00	30,000.00	257
Purchase water rights and lands, Washoe Tribe (gratuity).....	20,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	259
NEW MEXICO.				
Indian school, Albuquerque, N. Mex (gratuity)....	73,600.00	97,400.00	97,400.00	261
Indian school, Santa Fe, N. Mex. (gratuity).....	67,150.00	70,300.00	67,150.00	264
Counsel, Pueblo Indians (gratuity).....	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	266

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NEW YORK.				
Fulfilling treaties with Senecas of New York (treaty)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	271
Fulfilling treaties with Six Nations (treaty item)...	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	271
NORTH CAROLINA.				
Indian school, Cherokee (gratuity).....	36,000.00	37,660.00	36,000.00	273
NORTH DAKOTA.				
Support of Sioux, Devils Lake (gratuity).....	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	275
Support of Indians, Fort Berthold Agency (gratuity)	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	275
Support of Chippewas, Turtle Mountain Band (gratuity).....	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	276
Indian school, Bismarek, N. Dak. (gratuity).....	20,200.00	22,200.00	56,175.00	277
Indian school, Fort Totten, N. Dak. (gratuity).....	74,500.00	82,800.00	82,500.00	282
Indian school, Wahpeton, N. Dak. (gratuity).....	38,200.00	66,540.00	40,200.00	285
Redemption of mortgage for Starr McGillis (reimbursable).....		1,500.00	1,500.00	288
OKLAHOMA.				
Support of Wichitas and affiliated bands (gratuity).	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	290
Tribal funds, Apaches, Kiowas, and Comanches, agency and employees (tribal funds).....	25,000.00	30,000.00	25,000.00	291
Tribal funds, Apaches, Kiowas, and Comanches, support and maintenance, and improvement of homesteads (trust funds).....	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	292
Support of Cheyennes and Arapahoes (gratuity)....	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	293
Support of Kansas Indians in Oklahoma (gratuity).	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	294
Support of Kickapoo Indians, Oklahoma (gratuity).	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	294
Support of Ponca Indians in Oklahoma and Nebraska (gratuity).....	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	295
Indian school, Chilocco, Okla. (gratuity).....	93,250.00	93,250.00	93,250.00	295
Fulfilling treaties with Pawnees, Oklahoma (treaty item).....	47,100.00	47,100.00	47,100.00	298
Fulfilling treaties with Quapaws, Oklahoma (treaty item).....	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	300
Women's Board of Domestic Missions, Oklahoma (gratuity).....		10,000.00	10,000.00	303
Right of way, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., Oklahoma.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	305
FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES, OKLAHOMA.				
Administration of affairs, Five Tribes (gratuity)....	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	328
Per capita payment to Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians (trust funds).....				336
Probate attorneys, Five Tribes (gratuity).....	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	343
Orphan training school, Tahlequah, Okla. (gratuity)	42,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	333
Indian schools, Five Tribes (gratuity).....	275,000.00	275,000.00	275,000.00	397
Sale unallotted lands Five Tribes (trust funds)....	40,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	347
Fulfilling treaties with Choctaws, Oklahoma (treaty)	10,520.00	10,520.00	10,520.00	350
Salaries and expenses, 6 oil and gas inspectors (gratuity).....	25,000.00	25,000.00	15,000.00	35
Purchase land for roadway, Choctaw Nation (trust funds).....		150.00	150.00	354
OREGON.				
Support of Indians, Klamath Agency, Oreg. (gratuity).....	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	355
Support of Indians, Warm Springs Agency (gratuity).....	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	355
Support of Indians, Umatilla Agency (gratuity)....	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	356
Indian school, Salem, Oreg. (gratuity).....	114,000.00	122,300.00	119,000.00	356
Support of Indians, Grande Ronde and Siletz Agencies (gratuity).....	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	359
Maintenance, construction, and operation, Modoc Point irrigation system, Klamath Indian Reservation (reimbursable).....	4,740.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	360
Two bridges, Umatilla Indian Reservation (reimbursable).....			19,000.00	
PENNSYLVANIA.				
Indian school, Carlisle, Pa. (gratuity).....	152,000.00	152,000.00	152,000.00	363

¹ No appropriation.

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SOUTH DAKOTA.				
Indian school, Flandreau, S. Dak. (gratuity).....	\$67,500.00	\$68,955.00	\$67,500.00	368
Indian school, Pierre, S. Dak. (gratuity).....	49,750.00	55,000.00	55,750.00	370
Indian school, Rapid City, S. Dak. (gratuity).....	53,500.00	51,000.00	83,500.00	372
Support of Sioux of different tribes, employees, etc. (treaty item).....	307,000.00	307,000.00	307,000.00	374
Education, Sioux Nation (treaty item).....	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	375
Support of Yankton Sioux (gratuity).....	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	379
Asylum for Insane Indians, Canton, S. Dak. (gratuity).....	37,500.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	379
Wagon road, Standing Rock Reservation (reimbursable).....			5,000.00	
UTAH.				
Support of Confederated Bands of Utes (treaty item)-	53,740.00	53,740.00	53,740.00	381
Support detached Indians in Utah (gratuity).....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	382
Support and civilization Confederated Bands of Utes (trust funds).....	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	383
Seeds and employees, Confederated Bands of Utes (treaty).....	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	386
Irrigation, Uintah Reservation, Utah (reimbursable)	10,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00	386
WASHINGTON.				
Support of D'Wamish and allied tribes (gratuity)..	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	388
Support of Makahs (gratuity).....	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	389
Support of Quinaielts and Quillehutes (gratuity)..	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	389
Support of Yakima Indians, Yakima Agency (gratuity).....	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	390
Support of Colville and certain other Indians (gratuity).....	13,000.00	18,000.00	13,000.00	390
Support of Spokanes (treaty).....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	392
Irrigation system, Yakima Reservation (reimbursable).....	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	392
Cushman Indian School, Tacoma, Wash. (gratuity)..	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	395
Construction of dam across Yakima River for irrigation purposes (reimbursable).....		200,000.00	200,000.00	397
WISCONSIN.				
Indian school, Hayward, Wis. (gratuity).....	41,670.00	51,600.00	51,550.00	401
Indian school, Tomah, Wis. (gratuity).....	49,450.00	53,925.00	56,125.00	403
Support of Chippewas, Lake Superior, Wis. (gratuity).....	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	405
Support of Potawatomie Indians in Wisconsin (gratuity).....	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	405
Support of Wisconsin Band of Potawatomes of Wisconsin and Michigan (reimbursable).....		50,000.00	100,000.00	406
Promoting civilization and self-support among Menominee Indians in Wisconsin (trust funds).....		300,000.00	300,000.00	409
WYOMING.				
Support of Shoshones in Wyoming (gratuity).....	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	412
Indian schools, Shoshone Reservation (gratuity)...	37,025.00	36,725.00	36,025.00	413
Support of Shoshones, employees, etc. (treaty).....	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	414
Repairs, Fort Washakie (gratuity).....		1,721.66	1,721.66	415
Irrigation system, Wind River Reservation (reimbursable).....	25,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	416
Roads and bridges, Shoshone Reservation (reimbursable).....	25,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00	418